

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**
Thursday, May 17, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W110 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Carlene Walker
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
Rep. Kerry W. Gibson
Mr. Brett W. Heimburger
Mr. Miguel R. Rovira

Members Excused:

Rep. Brad King
Mr. Brian Farr

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Chris Parker, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Commission Business

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and committee members introduced themselves.

MOTION: Rep. Fowlke moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. WTO Clarification / US Gambling Law Proposed Change – State Opt Out: HR 2046, Rep. Frank, (Ma).

Mr. North distributed "United States Trade Representative: Statement of Deputy United States Trade Representative John K. Veroneau Regarding U.S. Actions under the General Agreement on Trade in Services, Article XXI."

Mr. Peter Riggs, Forum on Democracy and Trade, reviewed the case and said the decision by the United States to withdraw its' WTO (World Trade Organization) commitments on the issue of Internet gambling services was unprecedented.

Committee discussion followed during which Mr. Riggs responded to questions from commission members.

3. International Trade: China

Mr. Parker distributed "China and Trade," and presented an overview of China's admittance to the WTO , Chinese International Trade, Chinese energy needs and currency.

Mr. Riggs discussed some issues of the Chinese economy, business practices and investment law.

Chair Allen asked that the China delegation members report back at the next meeting. She also asked for a report from the Department of Economic Development on China and the U.S./Korean trade agreement.

4. International Federal – State Trade Issues

Mr. Riggs distributed and presented "Outline of a Presentation by Peter Riggs to the Utah International Trade Commission." Mr. Riggs also distributed "A New Trade Policy for America?" and "Trade Facts: Bipartisan Trade Deal."

5. Federal Trade Promotion Authority (Fast Track)

Mr. North distributed and reviewed "Trade Promotion Authority," "Initial Provisions and General Definitions," and "Strong Support for the U.S. - Korea (KORUS) Free Trade Agreement."

Mr. Chris Campbell, Deputy Legislative Director, Senator Orrin G. Hatch's Office, Washington, D.C., participated in the meeting via phone connection. Mr. Campbell gave an update on a potential trade agreement which will include Peru, Columbia, Equador, Panama, South Korea. He discussed some of the provisions being sought, and responded to questions from commission members.

Chair Allen said that she hoped Mr. Campbell's office would advocate for more involvement by the states.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

Chair Madsen adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.